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1. AMBASSADOR AL-ZINTANI IS FROM BENGHAZI, FORMER ARMY OFFICER, AND FORMER GOVERNOR OF BENGHAZI (SEPTEMBER 1972). HE WAS MOST RECENTLY AMBASSADOR TO CYPRUS, AND WAS WITHDRAWN FROM THAT PART LAST AUGUST AFTER LIBYAN TILT TOWARD TURKEY DURING CYPRUS CRISIS.

2. ACCORDING TO ONE REPORT, AL-ZINTANI IS HARDLINER ON ARAB ISSUES AND ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORTER OF PALESTINIAN REJECTIONISTS, AS HE SHOULD BE WORKING FOR COLONEL QADHAFI.

3. ANY INFORMATION WHICH COULD BE DRAWN FROM AL-ZINTANI ON RECENT POLITICS OF BENGHAZI, WHICH HAS HISTORICALLY BEEN AREA OF SEPARATIST AND ANTI-TRIPOLI SENTIMENT, WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO US.
CAUTION THAT THIS IS SENSITIVE SUBJECT HOWEVER.

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